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SUBJECT: DEMARCHING EU STATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION ON
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Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Hugo Llorens, Reasons 1.4b and d
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¶1. (C) DCM delivered reftel points October 31 to Spanish MFA Director General for Foreign Policy Rafael Dezcallar. He noted that the U.S. and Spain shared a strategic goal -- a free and democratic Cuba -- but differed sharply on tactics. The U.S. nevertheless wanted to work collaboratively with the EU and Spain to promote human rights in Cuba, which the Spanish had so often told us remained an important goal for them even as they sought greater engagement with the regime. The DCM stressed that Spain could play a key, constructive role within the EU in finding ways we could work together on this. He urged that Spain carefully consider the suggestions being offered, and if any or all of them were acceptable, let this become a basis for a cooperative effort.

¶2. (C) Dezcallar noted the U.S. proposals on cooperative approaches were under discussion within the EU but said no decisions had been reached. He promised to consider the ideas being put forward by the U.S.
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